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Casual Workers in ESI Act
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a)whether the Government proposes to cover casual workers under the Employees State Insurance Act;
(b if so, the details thereof;
(c)whether the Government also proposes to expand the facilities at ESI hospitals in view of increase in the number of beneficiaries reaching the ESI hospitals every day; and
(d)if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a): The Employees' State Insurance (ESI) Act, 1948 does not differentiate between regular and casual workers. Casual workers employed in a covered factory/establishment are eligible for all the benefits under the ESI Act, 1948.

(b): Does not arise, in view of reply to part (a) of the question above.
(c) & (d): Under its Agenda-ESIC 2.0, ESI Corporation has taken a number of measures for accommodating the new entrants in the system by expanding the hospital facilities in the country which, inter-alia includes following:-
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â€¢ To enhance the hospital bed strength by 50% where bed occupancy is more than 70% during last 3 consecutive years and increasing sanctioned staff strength of ESIC hospitals accordingly.
â€¢ Setting up of ESI one doctor dispensary.
â€¢ Tie up with Insured Medical Practitioner and Govt./Private Hospitals and Nursing homes for primary and secondary medical care
â€¢ To make available electronic health record of patients.
â€¢ Evening OPD for senior Citizen & differently abled patients.
â€¢ Cancer detection/treatment facilities.
â€¢ Cardiology treatment facilities.
â€¢ Dialysis facilities.
â€¢ Complete immunization facilities.
â€¢ Telemedicine facilities.
â€¢ Ayush facilities.

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